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Fiftieth Spring session held with the church at Liberty Hill, Stanly County, N. C., on Saturday before 4th Sunday in April, 1934.

Also of the 102nd Fall or Annual session, held with the church at Jerusalem, Anson County, N C, on Saturday before the 1st Sunday in October; 1934.

Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Association

PROCEEDINGS

Liberty Hill Church, Stanly County, N. C.
Saturday, April 28, 1934

Assembled at the stand in Grove at eleven o'clock a. m., and the introductory sermon delivered by Elder W C Edwards. Text 32nd verse of 7th chap. of Romans. Intermission one hour for lunch.

Then about one o'clock p. m. the ministers and messengers present convened in the church house and praise and prayer service conducted by Elder A F Nance. Elder Edwards then resumed the moderator's chair and proceeded in our usual order, as follows:

1. Called for the letters from the several churches. These handed in and read by brethren F E Huneycutt and Virgil Whitley, acting reading clerks. All messengers seated.

2. By motion re-elected Elder W C Edwards moderator and J W Jones clerk.

3. Invited messengers present from sister Associations to seats. The following were present and seated. From Abbotts Creek: Elders H S Williams, A F Nance and J F Fulk, with brethren B I Harrison, Lee Snider and Jesse Trogdon.

4. Invited visiting ministers and brethren present from sister Associations to seats. Present and seated were the following: From Lower Mayo, Elder J W Wyatt, who personally and feeling confessed his error of several years ago when he affiliated in one certain meeting with Mr T M Standly and requested our forgiveness. This was granted and Elder Wyatt seated; also from Lower Mayo appeared Elder W B Stadler and brother J Lewis who were seated. From Abbotts, brethren George Harris, Clarence Gallemore, Oscar Lanier, W N Lanier, H F Tucker, Eneas Sikes, Denny Snider, A H Trogden and others. From Salem, Elders George W Hill, D A O'Briant and brother Zeb Rhodes.

5. Appointed the clerk and brethren H F Curlee and Virgil Whitley a committee to arrange the preaching services during the remainder of this session.

6. Appointed our committee of arrangement of business as follows: Brethren Leander Williams, J T Criscoe and Virgil Whitley with moderator and clerk to report Monday morning.

7. Adjourned to 9 o'clock Monday morning. Benediction by the moderator, Preaching services conducted at the stand Saturday p.m. by Elders J W Wyatt, J F Fulk and brother Zeb Rhodes.

SUNDAY SERVICE, April 29th

Assembled at the stand at 10 o'clock a. m. Praise and prayer conducted by Elder G W Hill. Then preaching service as follows by Elder A F Nance from 16th verse of 7th chap. of Timothy,followed by Elder H S Williams from 10th verse 16th chapter of Hebrews. Then Elder D A O' Briant preached from these words: "By the disobedience of one man many were made sinners and by the obedience of one man many were made righteous." Intermission one hour for lunch.

Afternoon preaching by the following ministers: Elder George W Hill. Text 57th verse of 15th chapter 1st Corinthians, followed by Elder W B Stadler from these words of Scripture: "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest," and closed by Elder J W Wyatt from 14th verse of last chapter of Revelations.

The preaching was all sound in doctrine and comforting and heard by a large and most attentive congregation. The moderator in a few well chosen remarks thanked the people present for such good order.

MONDAY MORNING, April 30th

Re-convened in the house at 9 o'clock a. m. pursuant to adjournment. Praise and prayer service by Elder H S Williams. Then Elder Edwards resumed the chair and proceeded.

8. Called on arrangement committee to report. Report read and adopted.

9. Called roll of messengers' names and noted absentees. Omitted reading Rules of Decorum,

10. Called on our corresponding messengers to sister Associations to report. Brother J W Jones reported that himself and several other brethren attended the Mill Branch Association and found them in peace and had a good meeting.

11. Called on corresponding messengers present from sister Associations to report. Elder H S Williams of Abbotts Creek reported peace, and desired to continue our correspondence. Also received and distributed minutes from Salem, Abbotts Creek, Mill Branch, Little River, Zion Mountain District, Fishers River, White Oak and Lotts Creek of Georgia.

12. Unanimously agreed to return thanks to God for His divine presence and mercy and that we also extend our thanks and appreciation to Liberty Hill church and friends of the community for their kindness and hospitality to us during the meeting.

13. Above minutes read and approved.

14. Then adjourned in order to time and place named in our 1933 minutes.

Preaching services at the stand on Monday conducted by Elders A F Nance, H S Williams and J W Wyatt, and closed by the moderator in a timely talk and admonition.

Elder W C EDWARDS, Moderator

J W JONES, Clerk

Names of Messengers--Spring Session 1934

Bear Creek--D C Page, H L Almond, C H Herrin
Bethany--Represented by letter
Concord--P M Hartsell*, W M Coley*, Eli Furr
Crooked Creek--T A Williams, H M Green, L W Greene
Clark's Grove--Elder J A Eudy, G F Furr, Roy Love
Flat Lake--O F Haywood*, C F Dunn*, Sister Dunn
High Ridge Elder W C Edwards, J P Rushing, W A Helms
Howard's Chapel Carl Hall, Arch Carpenter, J J Howard*
Herrin's Grove--John Almond, J F Herrin, Adam Furr
Jerusalem--W H Curlee, H F Curlee, C C Curlee
Liberty--Elder Oscar Broom, J S Edwards, Hoyle Candle
Liberty Hill J T Criscoe, H J Whitley, V P Whitley
Lawyer's Spring J W Jones, Roy Huneycutt, Jas T Jones
Meadow Creek -Eli Hopkins, J J Barbee, B I Barbee
Mountain Creek--J Paul Jones, Ausbey Treece, sister Della Mantooth
Philadelphia--J N Jones*, Foster Beam
Running Creek--R F Almond, E M Hatley, W M Almond
Smith's Grove--S L Taylor, Jona Martin, M F Coble

Absentees maked thus*

Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Association

PROCEEDINGS—FALL SESSION

Jerusalem Church, Anson County, N. C.

Saturday October 6, 1934

Assembled in the church house at 11 o'clock a. m., and the introductory sermon delivered by Elder F E Huneycutt from 15th verse of 45th chapter of Isaiah. Intermission one hour for dinner. About one o'clock p. m. the ministers and messengers present convened in the house, Praise and prayer services conducted by Elder M B Martin. Then Elder Edwards resumed the moderator's chair and proceeded in our usual order as follows:

1. Called for the letters from our several churches. These were handed in as called and read by Elder F E Huneycutt and brother V P Whitley, reading clerks.

(Letters all approved and messengers seated)

2. By motion re-elected Elder W C Edwards, moderator and J W Jones, clerk

3. Invited messengers present from sister Associations to seats. From Lower Country Line appeared Elder M B Martin who was seated, From Abbotts the following, Elders A F Nance, J F Fulk and brother B I Harrison, Lee Snider, W N Lanier and C O Lanier, all of whom were seated.

4. Invited visiting brethren present from sister Associations to seats. From Mill Branch and seated were brethren J E Faircloth and W H McMillon. Received and distributed minutes during this and last Spring session from all our corresponding Associations.

5. Appointed Elder F E Huneycutt and brethren John Almond and Carl Hall, with the moderator and clerk as our arrangement committee to report Monday morning.

6. Appointed brethren D C Page and V P whitley with brother Fulton Curlee our finance committee.

7. Appointed brethren H F Curlee and Carl Hall to serve with the clerk in arranging the ministers for the preaching services during the meeting.

8. Adjourned to 9 o'clock Monday morning. Benediction by the moderator.

Preaching Saturday afternoon by Elders A F Nance and M B Martin.

Sunday Morning, Oct. 7

Preaching services at the stand to-day as follows: First by Elder J F Fulk from these words of Scripture, "My people shall be a willing people in the day of my power." He was followed by Elder M B Martin from 8th verse of 8th chapter Song of Solomon. Then Elder Oscar Broom preached from 32nd verse of 12th chapter of St. Luke. Intermission one hour for lunch.

First to preach afternoon was Elder A F Nance from 6th verse of 27th chapter of Matthew, followed by Elder J A Eudy from these words, "We preach not ourselves but Christ Jesus and Him crucified," and closed by Elder W C Edwards, 15th verse of 17th division of Psalms. These services were well attended, and the ministers preached in power and demonstration of the Spirit that salvation is of the Lord. These are the people who have been meeting annually for 102 year on same Articles of Faith and same Rules of Decorum, with no change in faith or practice, but pursuing the ancient Landmarks set by our fathers, and may the dear Lord keep us humble and in peace and love. Please read from the 11th verse of last chapter of Revelations to end of chapter and find the result or fruits of man's work.

Monday Morning, Oct. 8

Re-convened in the house at 9 o'clock a. m. pursuant to adjournment. Praise and prayer, Elder A F Nance.

9. Called on arrangement committee to report. Report read and adopted.

10. Called roll of messengers, names noted, absentees and read Rules of Decorum.

11. Called on our messengers to sister Associations to report. Brother J W Jones reported that himself and a large number of our brethren and sisters attended the last session of the Abbotts Creek Association, and found them in peace and had a most pleasant meeting, and also that he and a number of the brethren attended last session of the Salem Association, and had a good meeting.

12. Called on corresponding messengers from sister Associations to report. Elder M B Martin, a visitor from Lower Country Line, spoke very encouragingly to us, and reported peace in his Association. Bro B I Harrison re-

ported from Abbotts Creek, and that they are in peace and desire to continue our pleasant correspondence.

13. That we continue correspondence with sister Associations as follows: To Abbotts' Creek..Elders Oscar Broome, J A Eudy and brothers J W Jones, J C Griffin, J L Williams and minutes. To Salem Elder J A Eudy and brothers J W Jones, J L Williams and minutes. To Little River..J C Griffin, J W Jones and minutes Staunton River Minutes. To White Oak Brother J L Williams and minutes. To Lower Mayo..Minutes. To Lower Country Line..J L Williams and minutes. To Upper Country Line ..J L Williams and minutes. To Lott's Creek of Georgia Minutes. To Mill Branch..Elder Oscar Broom and Bros J W Jones, W A Howard and minutes. Any of our brethren attending any of above Associations to represent us there.

14. Called Presbyteries to report. Following reports handed in, that on Saturday before second Sunday in July, 1934, Elder J A Eudy with Elder F E Huneycutt and some deacons formed a Presbytery at Clark's Grove church and ordained brother George Furr and J F Williams deacons there. Also on Saturday before 1st Sunday in Aug., 1934, at Bear Creek church Elders J A Eudy and A F Nance and some deacons formed a Presbytery and ordained brother D C Page a deacon there.

15. That our next Spring session be held with the church at Howard's Chapel, Stanly county, N. C., and commence on Saturday before 1st Sunday in May 1935, and that Elder W C Edwards preach the introductory sermon, Saturday with F E Huneycutt as alternate and the Fall or annual session be held with the church at Smith's Grove, Stanly county, N. C., commencing on Saturday before 1st Sunday in Oct. 1935, and that Elder Oscar Broome preach the introductory sermon with Elder J A Eudy, his alternate. Saturday services at each place to begin at 11 o'clock a. m.

16. Called on Treasurer to repert. Report showed no funds on hand.

17. Called on finance committee to report. Report showed donations sent up by the churches this year for minute fund and Associational expenses the sum of $75.05

Voluntary contributions	13.25
Total fund	$88.30

18. That any surplus funds in above be given to ministers present.

19. That the clerk serve as Treasurer and superintend the printing of 11,00 copies of these minutes and the mailing out of same as usual to our churches and our corresponding Associations and have same fee as last year for his services.

20. That we return thanks to God for His mercy and many blessings, and extend sincere gratitude to this church and friends of the community for their kind hospitality during the meeting.

21. The above minutes read before the body and approved, and then adjourned in order to times and places above mentioned.

Benediction by the moderator. Preaching services at the stand Monday by Elders A F Nance and M B Martin and closed by Elder W C Edwards. This was a good meeting.

Elder W C EDWARDS, Moderator

J W JONES, Clerk & Treasurer Wingate, N C
Peachland, N C

Names of Messengers--Fall or Annual Session 1934

Bear Creek..D C Page, H L Almond, J P Whitley
Bethany..By letter
Concord..Not represented
Clark's Grove..G F Furr, G W Barbee, C F Whitley
Crooked Creek..H M Green, T A Williams D A Simpson
Flat Lake Sister Lucy Dunn, O F Haywood*, T B Dennis*
High Ridge Elder W C Edwards, J P Rushing, G A Godwin
Howard's Chapel Arch Carpenter, Andy Hill, P A Howard*
Herrin's Grove..John Almond, J F Herrin, Adam Furr
Jerusalem J C Griffin, C B Thomas, Fulton Thomas
Liberty ..Elder Oscar Broom, J S Edwards, E S Burgess
Liberty Hill..J T Criscoe, V P Whitley, C F Morton
Lawyer's Spring..J W Jones, Roy Huneycutt, Fulton Preslar
Meadow Creek..H A Williams, J J Barbee, B I Barbee
Mountain Creek..sister Della Mantooth, J Paul Jones, Andy Treece*
Philadelphia..D F McDaniel, Foster Beam*, Ray Wilson
Running Creek..E M Hatley, R F Almond, G C Eudy
Smith's Grove..C O Whitley, Jona Morton, Shepherd Taylor

Absentees maked thus*

Churches, Clerks and Their Postoffices

	Communion Sunday
Bear Creek—D C Page, New London, N C R 1	1st in August
Bethany—Mrs Fannie Safley, R 3, Wadesboro N C	
Concord—P M Hartsell, 169 Duval St., Concord N C	3rd in August
Clark's Grove—G F Furr, R 2, Stanfield, N C	2nd in July
Crooked Creek—Troy A Williams, R 2, Monroe N C	4th in July
Flat Lake—O F Haywood, Mt Gilead N C	4th in July
High Ridge—Will A Helms, R 4, Marshville N C	3rd in July
Howard's Chapel—Arch Carpenter, R 1 Norwood N C	1st in Sept
Herrin's Grove--J F Herrin R 1 Stanfield N C	4th in sept
Jerusalem—C C Curlee Oakboro N C	2nd in Aug
Liberty—J S Edwards Wingate N C	1st in July
Liberty Hill—V P Whitley Oakboro N C	4th in Aug
Lawyer's Spring--J W Jones. Peachland N C	
Meadow Creek—H A Williams R 2. Stanfield N C	3rd in Aug
Mountain Creek . Mrs Della Mantooth, Albemarle N C	3rd in July
Philadelphia..D F McDaniel. Ellenboro N C	4th in Aug
Running Creek . Mrs Mary Little. Stanfield N C	2nd in Aug.
Smith's Grove..Walter Greene. R 1. Oakboro N C.	3rd in Sept.

Above Sundays with Saturday before are regular conference days of the churches.

Financial Statement for Year 1934

Sent up by the churches for minute and Associational expenses $75.05
Voluntary contributions $13.25

Total funds $88.30

Disbursements--

Printing and postage	$45 00
Allowance to Clerk	12 00
Distributed to ministers	31 30
Total paid out	$88 3o

I certify the above to be a correct statement.

J W Jones, Treasurer

Names and Addresses of Ordained Ministers of The Bear Creek Association

Elder W C Edwards, Wingate, N C
Elder J A Eudy, Oakboro, N C
Elder Oscar Broom, R 4, Monroe, N C
Elder F E Huneycutt, Oakboro, N C

LICENTIATES :

Walter Greene, Oakboro, N C
H L Almond, R 3,, Albemarle, N C
J Paul Jones, Oakboro, N C
James T Jones, R 2, Peachland, N C
Fulton A Preslar, Polkton, N C

RULES OF DECORUM

1st. A Moderator or chief speaker and clerk may be chosen by the suffrages of the members present.

2nd. The chief speaker or Moderator shall take his seat at the hour to which the Association shall be adjourned. and after prayer shall proceed to business. It shall be his duty to keep order, and shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as that of another member, provided he appoint one of the members to fill the chair during the exercise of such privilege, and in no case shall give a vote unless the Association be equally divided.

3rd. Only one member shall be allowed to speak at a time, who shall arise from his seat and address the chief speaker by appelation of Bro. and while speaking shall confine himself strictly to the subject in question and shall not be interrupted unless he digress from the subject. and shall in no wise reflect on any other speaker so as to make remarks on his slips and failings and imperfections, but shall fairly give his own views of the case without sophistry or criticism.

4th. No person shall speak more than three times on one subject without leave of the Association.

5th. No person shall absent himself from the Association without leave

6th. No member of the Association shall address any other member by any other term or name than that of brother.

7th. The chief speaker—or moderator—shall not interrupt one member to prohibit him from speaking until his speech is finished except he break the Rules of Decorium.

8th. The names of all members of the Association shall be enrolled by the clerk, and be called over as often as the Association may require.

9th. Any member who shall willingly and knowingly break or violate any of the foregoing rules of this Association shall be reproved by the Association in any way they may think proper.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article 1. We believe in one only living and true God, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost.

Art. 2. We believe in the man Jesus being the first of all God's creation and the pattern of all God's perfection in nature, providence, grace and glory, and to relative union with the divine word, and thus united with the whole Trinity.

Art. 3. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments contain the only written revealed word of God and are the only perfect rule of faith and practice for God's church in her militant state while here on earth.

Art. 4. We believe in the doctrine of Election: that God chose His church in Christ Jesus before the world began.

Art. 5. We believe in all mankind's apostacy by transgression in Adam the federal head.

Art. 6. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

Art. 7. We believe in the impotency of man to recover himself from his fallen state by his own free will and ability.

Art. 8. We believe that sinners are justified freely by grace and before God by faith in Christ and his righteousness only.

Art. 9. We believe that God's elect or church shall be called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit in due time.

Art. 10. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and never really fall away.

Art. 11. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Christ's appointment and that believers alone are the subjects of baptism and the only proper communicants of the supper, that the mode of baptism is immersion, and that neither of the ordinances is to be altered or changed by the inventions or opinions of men.

Art. 12. We believe that no man as a minister has any right to the administration of any of the ordinances of the gospel except such as are sound in the faith of the gospel, regularly baptized, called of God and have come under the imposition of hands by a regular Presbytery.

Art. 13. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both the just and unjust, and a general judgment.

Art. 14. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.

Annual Table for 1934--Statistics

CHURCHES	By Experience and baptism	Received by letter	Restored	Dismissed by let'r	Excluded	Deceased	Membership	contributions
Bear Creek		2		2	1		30	4 00
Bethany							2	50
Concord							22	
Clark's Grove	1				3	1	32	3 00
Crooked Creek					3		13	3 55
Flat Lake				1			10	1 00
High Ridge							26	6 50
Howard's Chapel	3	1					14	3 00
Herrin's Grove	1						10	1 50
Jerusalem	2					1	40	23 10
Liberty						1	17	5 00
Liberty Hill				1		1	30	3 00
Lawyer's Spring							24	7 00
Meadow Creek							16	1 75
Mountain Creek	1	2					8	1 35
Philadelphia	3						13	3 95
Running Creek	1						22	4 00
Smith's Grove							32	2 85
Totals	12	5		4	7	4	361	75 05